

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 550, passage of H.R. 2546, to designate the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center" in Asheville, NC, I was unavoidably detained and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING JORDAN JOSEPH GOSS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan Joseph Goss, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Jordan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan Joseph Goss for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JENNY NEELEY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take the opportunity to honor an environmental leader who has given southern Arizona many reasons to be proud. Arriving to Tucson after years split between Hawaii and Flagstaff, AZ, Jenny received her masters degree in public administration from the University of Arizona.

In Tucson, Jenny fell in love with the Sonoran Desert, and dedicated her professional career to protecting the native ecosystems of the Borderlands region.

Ten years ago, Jenny began working for a diverse coalition of neighborhoods, community groups, and environmental organizations called the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection. Focused on producing the best Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan ever assembled under the Endangered Species Act,

Jenny became a leader in advocating for sound public policy, the incorporation of science, and public oversight in Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Her contributions to the southern Arizona community and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands go much further. In 2001, Jenny took a position with Defenders of Wildlife, a nationally respected wildlife and habitat protection organization, in their southwest regional office. Over the last 6 years, Jenny has become a national leader in speaking out for wildlife and public lands in the ongoing immigration debate. She has continually advocated for an open and fair process behind the construction of border infrastructure, while pointing out the impacts that fence and wall construction have on the natural ecosystems that sustain our quality of life and environment.

Jenny builds alliances, and through her border wildlife work at Defenders of Wildlife, she brought together a diverse coalition of human rights, indigenous rights, environmental, and labor representatives to call for comprehensive immigration reform and the reversal of decisions to build walls on our southern border. In 2007, Jenny was honored with Derechos Humanos' Corazon de Justicia award for her commitment to justice and social change.

Jenny Neeley leaves her post as a professional land and wildlife conservationist this month as she heads to University of Arizona law school. Whether she returns to environmental advocacy work or not, she will leave a legacy that cannot be adequately expressed in words, and gives all of us that have known and worked with her hope that we can truly achieve the goals that we set out to accomplish together. The Tucson community and the wildlife of the Sonoran Desert will sorely miss Ms. Neeley, but I have no doubt she will go on to accomplish great things in her future endeavors. I wish her the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Library Association for its annual conference being held this week in Washington, DC. I am also pleased to recognize Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian of Santa Clara County for representing our County librarians at this conference.

I have always supported America's public libraries and believe they are an essential part of building stronger and more educated communities. One of the basic tenets of democracy—equal access to opportunity—is played out every day in America's public libraries. Their doors are open and welcoming to anyone without having to show a diploma, a bank

balance, proof of residency or any other qualifier. You can read, learn, think, create, analyze, research, and contemplate any topic that might improve your mind, your skills, your daily life, or your future. The wealth of knowledge and opportunity available at the fingertips of all who possess a library card is powerful.

IN RECOGNITION OF REBECCA LANIER

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

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Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Ms. Rebecca Lanier. Ms. Lanier was born on March 24, 1892, in Mississippi and just celebrated her 115th birthday.

Ms. Lanier lived in Eutaw, AL, where her family sharecropped for most of her life. She moved to Birmingham in 1994, where she resided until 2004 when she unfortunately lost both of her daughters within three weeks of each other. Although Ms. Lanier outlived her daughters, she still enjoys her 7 grandchildren and "about" 30 great-grandchildren.

Ms. Lanier now lives with her grandson and his wife in Warrensville Heights, OH, a municipality in my congressional district. She has led a very healthy life and had actually never been a patient in a hospital until she suffered a fall 4 years ago. Ms. Lanier is very active. She walks with a walker and participates in Tai Chi for Health Class at the local Warrensville Heights Civic and Senior Center.

Although one of the oldest people in the world, Ms. Lanier does not have a birth certificate. Her grandson attested that when she was born, the State did not issue them. Rather, the record of her birth is written in an old family Bible. Ms. Lanier's zest for life is an inspiration to us all. Therefore, it is thus my pleasure, on behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio to recognize Rebecca Lanier as she celebrates 115 years of a truly blessed life.

RECOGNIZING TYLER DON GUESS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Don Guess, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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